

# **Congressional Arts Contest**

## **Guidelines**

The Competition is open to high school students only.

- Exceptions will be made for schools that have 7 through 12th grades in one building.

In order to allow an art work to hang in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol, the following restrictions are necessary:

- Two-dimensional only.
- Each art work can be no larger than 32 inches by 32 inches to the outside dimensions of the frame and no more than 4 inches in depth

Art work categories are as follows:

- Paintings: (oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.)
- Drawings: (pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers, etc.)
- Collage: Must be 2 dimensional
- Prints: (lithographs, silkscreen, block prints)
- Mixed Media
- Computer generated art
- Photography

Each entry must be an original in concept, design and execution and may not violate any U. S. copyright laws.

- An attached form must be signed by the teacher and the student to certify the originality of the art piece.
- NOTE: Any entry which has been reproduced from an existing photo, painting or any other work produced by another person is a violation of the competition rules and WILL NOT be accepted.

Artwork must adhere to the policy of the House Office Building Commission. In accordance with this policy, exhibits depicting subjects of contemporary political controversy or of a sensationalistic or gruesome nature are not allowed.

- The final decision regarding suitability for the exhibition in the Capitol will be made by a panel of qualified persons chaired by the Architect of the Capitol.